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COUNCIL “CONVERSATION” WITH COMMUNITY ON IMPROVING BUDGET PROCESS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7

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The County Council's Management and Fiscal Policy Committee will hold a “conversation” with interested County residents on ways to improve how the County develops, presents, and reviews its budget.

The meeting will be held from 7 PM to 9 PM on Thursday, October 7 at the County Council Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville, 7th Floor Council Chamber.

“We want to hear from the community about how we can do a better job of putting together the County’s budget,” said Councilmember Marilyn Praisner, committee chair. “We won’t be talking programs in the budget – that’ll come later – but rather how we can improve the process so everyone gets their say and improve the budget document itself so that it’s crystal clear to the public.

“For example, is the budget document useful and understandable? Does it provide clear information about budget projects and priorities, or about past programs or future indicators? Could additional information supplement it? Is the public hearing process adequate? What about the Committee review and full Council review of the budget? Are staff packets on the budget useful for the community?”

The meeting is open to all, however, to maximize time, those wishing to speak should register by calling Delphine Harriston at 240-777-7931.

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